#### 2025 Theme



# Alive and Revived, Impacting Lives

CONGREGATION ~ CULTURE ~ COMMUNITY

# BBC Newsletter – December 2025

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." Galatians 4:4–5 (NIV)

From the Desk of Reverend Stanley M. Nash

Beloved in Christ,

As we enter this Holiday Season, I want to take a moment to express how deeply grateful I am for each of you. It is an honor and a joy to walk alongside you as you continue to grow in your relationship with Christ.

This time of year always brings to mind one of my favorite verses, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." -1 Thessalonians 5:18

At first glance, this verse might sound like it's asking the impossible. Give thanks in all circumstances? Even when life is hard? When things don't make sense? When I'm stressed, overwhelmed, or hurting? This verse doesn't say we have to be thankful for everything that happens. It says to give thanks in everything. There's a difference. It's a powerful shift in your focus. We live in a world where things aren't always fair. People let us down. We struggle with anxiety, pressure, doubt, and loss. But in those moments, especially in those moments, God is still present. His love hasn't changed. His promises still stand. Giving thanks in these situations isn't pretending everything is fine. It's about choosing to say:

- God, I don't know how this will work out but I trust You. -Philippians 4:6
- God, I feel alone but thank You for your presence in my life. -John 14:18
- God, I'm heartbroken but thank You for your comfort in the middle of my pain. -Psalm 34:18

  Gratitude becomes an act of faith. So, this Holiday Season, whether your table is full or you're missing someone you love, whether you're celebrating joyfully or quietly reflecting, I encourage you to pause for a moment. Look for God's faithfulness in your life and give Him thanks!

I'm wishing you a Holiday Season full of peace, laughter, rest and a grateful heart. You are deeply loved by me and even more so by the One who gave everything for you!

Because He Lives,

Reverend Stanley M. Nash Youth Pastor

#### **BBC Deacon's Corner:**

By Deacon Robert Gooden

#### JUST FOR TODAY

When the going gets tough and you're tempted to complain about your life, stop and remind yourself that this day is a gift from God, one you will never have again. Think about the following words and they will help you: Just for today, I will experience and enjoy each hour to the fullest and not try to tackle my whole life's problems all at once. Just for today, I will try to improve my mind by learning more than I know; I will read something that requires effort, thought, concentration, and commitment. Just for today, I will be agreeable. I will try to look my best, speak softly, and be courteous and considerate to others. Just for today, I won't find fault or try to change or improve anyone but myself. Just for today, I will have a plan and a goal. I might not follow it exactly, but I will have one nonetheless. By doing that, I will save myself from two enemies-hurry and indecision. Just for today, I will develop my character. I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count. Just for today, I will do something I don't want to do. That way, I will train my spirit to overrule my flesh and my will to overrule my emotions. Just for today, I won't be afraid to love or risk; I will endeavor to accept all of God's blessings and believe that every seed I sow in His kingdom will be multiplied back to me many times over. That's how I will live-Just for today!

#### **BBC's Newest Member**

Samuel Myers



**Prayer Line** 803-240-9911



Did you know? During every service, a dedicated team member is standing by to pray with you, answer questions, and help you connect with our congregation.

We believe no one should walk their spiritual journey alone, and we're honored to offer realtime support whenever you need it. If you're seeking encouragement, guidance, or simply a caring voice, we're just

a nhone call away

# Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway ~ Nov 25<sup>th</sup>







## THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF A BELIEVER

by: Evangelist Laura Gantt

December is the month we celebrate the birth Of JESUS Christ.

Also, as a Believer, we continually exercise in this season of giving.

Because the Bible makes the purpose of tithing very clear - to put GOD first in our lives, and to remind us all that all we have belongs to the LORD, and to take care of the helpless, hungry, and the poor.

So, through tithing and offering we can aid those who are less fortunate. Being a believer, this helps us show our regard for GOD as a Creator of all people. Sharing GOD 'S goodness with others can also draw those who are lost, closer to GOD. This is a practical and essential way to make faith work in the everyday life of a believer.

"For the poor will never cease to be in the land; therefore, I command you, saying 'you shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land' (DEUTERONOMY 15:11).

## Pack the Pantry campaign

Members donated nonperishable food items and can goods to our Food Pantry.

It's not too late!

Please consider donating.

The pantry is in need of canned meats, ramen noodles, peanut butter, rice, dry beans, and more.







#### **Technology Corner**

By: Deacon Randy Gilbert



Passkeys: A Safer Way to Log In

You may start seeing the option to use a passkey when logging into apps or websites. A passkey lets you sign in with your fingerprint, face scan, or PIN—no password required.

#### Why it matters:

- Phishing-proof: Your credentials can't be tricked away.
- More secure: Stronger than passwords that can be stolen or guessed.
- Convenient: No more memorizing or typing complex codes.

In today's digital world, scammers are working harder than ever. Consider switching to passkeys for faster, safer logins.

### **Youth Ushers**



## Children's Church



### **Christmas program**

Greetings, from the Sunday School Ministry!

Please make plans to support our youth on Sunday, December 21st, for the Christmas program. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary as we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ.

# Veterans Day Observation ~ Nov 9<sup>th</sup>











# Male Choir 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary ~ Nov 9<sup>th</sup>





## Pastor's Birthday Celebration with the Deacons ~ Nov 24th



#### **Share Your Story!**

Every achievement deserves to be praised, and every ministry story deserves to be shared!

Don't let your ministry's efforts or your personal accomplishments go unnoticed.

Send your submissions of special moments to

BBCcpnewsletter@gmail.com

## **Blessing Box**

The Blessing Box is located in front of the Family Life Center on the grassy side of the parking lot. It is utilized daily by community members. Feel free to add non-parishable food or money to the box







Just For Fun

Find 15 or more differences in the Christmas photos



#### Baby Dedication ~ Nov 30th

The Wilson Daughter & The Adams Daughter







#### Thanksgiving Blessings Dinner / Community Giveback ~ Nov 27th













# WK. Family Life Center PRESENTS SEGIORS BONGO Games - Fun Prizes LO330am - 11:30am DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Mabel Ham (803)741-8088, or the FLC (803)735-0410 WIEW Kennedy Family Life Center 1037 Lostman Street, Columbia, SC

#### Just for fun answers

- 1. Several ornaments on the Christmas tree are different
- 2. Boy's winter hat
- 3. Girl's hairstyle (Right)
- 4. Girl's shirt buttons (Right)
- 5. Girl's coat is open (Left)
- 6. Girl's hat (Left)
- 7. Candle in the girl's hand
- 8. Wreath shape
- 9. Stained-glass window pattern
- 10. Garland across the back wall
- 11. Number of candles on altar
- 12. Star on tree is different
- 13. Tree branches are different
- All the children's collars are different
- 15. Plus more (candle, cat, chair etc.)

## BBC Giving Tree

Please assist the Deaconess Ministry in bringing joy to a little boy or girl by taking a gift tag from the tree located in the church vestibule and returning the gift by Dec 14th.

